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MARION COUNTY DEFIES UNION!

INDIANA TEAMSTERS UNITE TO FORM STATE BODY

Cooperation Is the Keynote of First Meeting

Pat Hess, President

ates from all the Teamsters' Locals in Indiana met in Indianapolis to form The Indiana State Drivers' Conference.

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The proposed program
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Offices Established
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nefit to the smaller units.

Elected officers of the Conference
are: Alton P. Hess, Local 414, Fort
ayne, President; Steve Toth,
Local 520, East Chicago, Vice-President;
Clyde Birdsong, Local 215,
Secretary-Treasurer; George Acton, Local 135, Indianapolis,
Recording Secretary. Trustees
are: D. E. Mahoney, Local 369,
Muncie; E. Nolan, Local 73, Clinton,
and E. O. Briner, Local 694,
Crothersville.

Monthly Meetings

Meetings are to be held the third
Friday of each month at 28 West
Ninth Street, Indianapolis. How-
ever, the meeting for September
will be held at the State Federation
Labor Convention in Evansville.
A monthly per capita tax of five
cents was levied upon each partici-
pant to bear the expenses
of the conference's program. Some
paid outright cash
to get the ball rolling.
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ess, president of the Con-
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Both small and large local
ions should benefit from our
state organization, especially
after we get our state organ-
izer on the road. Anything is
possible with cooperation; very
little without it. Let's all get
behind this thing and make it a

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AFL IS AMERICAN!

Area Contract Changes Due November 15

The 11 States Area Committee's
Over-the-Road Agreement which
has been in effect for two years
will expire November 15.

Union members of the committee have had several meetings re-
garding proposed changes in this
contract. A final draft of the new
Agreement is now being prepared
and will be presented to the Joint
Operator and Union meeting to be
held in Chicago soon.

Ed Murphy, general organizer
from Cleveland, has been named
chairman of the Union group.

The Indiana Teamster will pub-
lish the important features of the
new contract as soon as they are
available.

Birdsong Pleads For Cooperation Of All Locals

In a letter of greeting to all Indiana Teamster Locals, Clyde Birdsong, secretary-treasurer of the Conference and President of Local 215, Evansville, had this to say:

"I sincerely hope that you affiliate with the Indiana State Drivers' Conference and cooperate with the Indianapolis office and our representative, Mr. Irvin S. Lippe. Furnish him with all the news possible for our official publication. We all realize that this is a big undertaking, but I think if everyone will do his part it will not only be beneficial to all Local Unions but will be something we can all be proud of for a long time to come."

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12 Bakeries Sign with Local 135

Over 300 Men Affected

Emmett J. Williams, secretary-treasurer of Indianapolis Local 135, has announced that since March 1st of this year his union has secured signed agreements with 12 bakeries. Wages, hours and working conditions of over 300 bakery drivers and helpers are governed by these agreements.

Williams said: "It was difficult to get the first few bakeries to sign, but after they saw their competitors give in the going got easier."

Substantial wage increases and shortened hours of work were the main features of the agreements. Time and one-half for overtime and vacations with pay were also included in the contracts.

The following companies in and around Indianapolis signed the agreement: Continental Baking Company, Indianapolis; Hostess Cake Company, Indianapolis; South Side Baking Company, Indianapolis; General Baking Company supply trucks, Indianapolis; Gleason Pie Company, Indianapolis; Grocers Baking Company, Bedford; Purity Baking Company, Indianapolis; Colonial Baking Company, Indianapolis; West Baking Company, Indianapolis; Kessler Baking Company, Greensburg; American Baking Company, Greensburg, and the St. Paul Baking Company, of St. Paul, Ind.

Williams further said that contracts will soon be negotiated with the Schultz Baking Company, Green-
nan Cake Company and the Dolly Madison Pie Company, all of Indianapolis. The men employed by these companies have all signed up with Local 135.

No Advertising!

You will notice that no advertising appears in these columns. That is no accident. The Indiana Teamster does not accept advertising of any description. We believe that it is the duty of a Labor newspaper to print the news and views of Organized Labor, and not those of the advertisers. Paid advertising usually hampers the editorial freedom of a newspaper. It has long been a policy of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters to avoid advertising in its official publications. We subscribe to that policy. We represent the Indiana Teamsters, and none else!

Kokomo Reports Great Activity

O. B. Chambers, secretary-treasurer of Local 759, Kokomo, reports that his union is moving right along. Local 759 was recently granted jurisdiction over the Peru and Wabash areas.

"We are at the present time preparing our city contracts and will soon start negotiations on them. The expiration date of the present contract is November 15.

"We have just recently completed city contracts with the Indiana Railroad which call for a fifteen per cent increase in wages along with two weeks' vacation with pay. The wage increase is retroactive to May 1, 1941," stated Chambers.

Local 759's new home is 438 Armstrong-Landon Building, Kokomo.

AFL Wins Over CIO In Detroit Election

Street Railwaymen Vote to Stick With Amalgamated

DETROIT, Mich.—In a contest that attracted nation-wide attention, the American Federation of Labor administered a severe trouncing to the CIO in its supposed stronghold—Detroit.

Aided by five other A. F. of L. Unions, the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees of America won a vital collective bargaining election and ended the threat of further CIO raids against other established organizations here.

The election followed settlement of a five-day strike called by Division 26 of the Amalgamated Association to defend its position as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining agency of transportation employees of the municipally-owned Detroit Street Railways.

3,076 to 1,925

The election was to determine whether the A. F. of L. unions already established on the system or the raiding CIO would obtain sole bargaining rights. The A. F. of L. won by a vote of 3,076 to 1,925, and a few hours later Division 26's agreement was signed. The other six unions already have agreements and now will also be designated as the exclusive representatives for employees in their respective jurisdictions.

The outfit which led the CIO to slaughter is the State, County and

Only Commissioners and Police Show Up After Back-to-Work Order

Significant Issue at Stake in Local 135's Strike Against Highway Department

Despite the determined efforts of the labor-hating Marion County Commissioners to break the ten-day-old strike against the Highway Department, Local Union 135, Indianapolis, has managed to keep the walkout orderly but effective. Negotiations between the County Commissioners and Emmett J. Williams, secretary-treasurer of Local 135, were broken off when the Commissioners refused to discuss the matter any further.

* The 90 employees of the County Highway Department voted to strike August 27, after a breakdown

EVANSVILLE SET FOR CONVENTION

EVANSVILLE—C. B. Birdsong, president of Local Union 215, has announced that his Local will play host to Teamster delegates at the Indiana State Federation of Labor convention which will be held in Evansville, starting Monday, September 15.

"Arrangements have been made for a club room in the Vendome Hotel for the Indiana State Drivers' Conference. The boys can play solitaire here. Our Local (215) will have a room at the McCurdy Hotel that will be open to all Teamster delegates," said Birdsong.

The big event of the convention will be a free boat ride down the Ohio River. There will be plenty of entertainment for all, according to Mr. Birdsong.

The first session of the convention will be Sunday, September 14, when the Building Trades meet at the Labor Temple.

Flash!

As the Indiana Teamster goes to press on September 11th, the Marion County Highway Department strike is still on. Yesterday the commissioners agreed to sign a contract if assurances could be obtained that the legality of such agreement would be given a court test by next January 1st. Senator Weiss, attorney for the Union, and John Linder, county attorney, gave such assurances, but about that time the commissioners reneged. This is further evidence of their uncompromising attitude toward labor. The Union has made several concessions in order to demonstrate its willingness to be fair.

Rumor has it that Commissioner Brown is slated for an important post with the next administration. Wonder if that could have anything to do with his anti-labor stand?

E. J. Williams, secretary-treasurer of Local 135, has revealed that several important Democratic leaders in this district have come to him relative to the possibility of new party line-ups. They said they were ashamed at the shabby manner in which the commissioners have dealt with the Teamsters and that they did not stand for such tactics!

in the talks. They are striking for increased wages, better working conditions and union recognition. It is no secret that Marion County employees are miserably underpaid.

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City of Gary Drivers Get 10c Pay Hike

After One-Day Strike!

GARY—After reminding the republican city administration of Gary that the state republican platform in the last election carried a fair labor treatment plank, Michael Sawochka, secretary-treasurer of General Drivers' Local 142, Gary, secured a ten-cents-per-hour pay hike for all municipal drivers.

"Of course a short one-day walkout by all city drivers served to reinforce the 'reminder,'" said Sawochka.

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The American Federation of Labor is what its name implies. It is American in the full meaning of that term. It is against all that is wrong in our economic and political life, and for all that is best and good in industry and government. It is an American institution, devoted to the protection and preservation of the common heritage of justice, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

WILLIAM GREEN, President.
American Federation of Labor.

The Indiana Teamster Is New -- But

The Indiana Teamster is a new publication. But the movement it proposes to uphold and further is not new. No, Teamsters are an old and important segment of the American labor scene. It has been over forty-one years since the first Teamster Local was founded. In the course of a brilliant forty-one years of growth, we have seen the status of the drayman and truck-driver raised from what was a little better than serfdom to the present position of a respectable wage earner. The struggling little union of a few members of yesterday has become the powerful union of over 500,000 members today. The International Brotherhood can be justly proud of its achievements. They were not easily won.

And these achievements are not easily held. It is a fight all the way. Today ideas and methods of foreign origin are seeping into some of our labor unions. Communists and their spineless fellow travelers are threatening to tear down that which was so hard won. With their insidious propaganda, they prey upon the trade unions. The CIO is rife with such communistic ideas and schemes. It should be significant that the CIO rarely goes out and organizes new fields; it usually chooses to undermine the organizations that strong men have taken generations to build. They proceed by getting "sweetheart" agreements with the employers on one hand, and by promising the world to the employees on the other. These tactics should cause the true trade unionists to question their sincerity.

It is true that The Indiana Teamster is a new publication, but the principles and ideals that it stands for are old. We Indiana Teamsters are Hoosiers. We like the American way of doing things. And we propose to do our utmost to keep America democratic and free. We have no use for Communists and their company. Teamsters will not permit subversive activity within their ranks. In the forty-one years of the Teamster movement, there have been no miserable foreign schemes attached to it. The Teamsters have always been strong, virile and loyal Americans. Their attitude and policy have not changed. Today the Teamsters stand ready to a man to serve their country by transporting foodstuffs and steel from ocean to ocean.

On still another front, the gains of labor are being challenged. With Adolf Hitler still unbeaten, the Nazi and Fascist menace still confronts us. Organized labor and totalitarianism do not mix. The first move Hitler made upon assuming power in Germany back in 1933 was to crush the labor unions. There is no reason to believe that American labor will escape that fate should Fascism ever befall this country.

America has promised to see Britain through in her fight against Hitler. The Teamsters have promised to see America through in her efforts to aid Britain. The brain, brawn and effort of all true Teamsters should be directed toward that end.

The Indiana Teamster is proud to be part of the Indiana Teamster movement. Indiana Teamsters have a fine record for square dealings with both employers and employees. The Indiana

Biggs Acclaims New Agreement for Drive-aways

Approved by Employers' Association

Walter Biggs, president of Teamsters Local 364, South Bend, has announced that significant progress has been made by the committee negotiating the 48 states agreement for drive-away and truck-away companies. Over three hundred operators from coast to coast will be affected by this contract.

Detroit Meeting

At a recent meeting of the Union committee held at the Fort Shelby Hotel, Detroit, a final draft of the proposed agreement was drawn up. This draft has been approved by the truck-away and drive-away operators' association and is now before the individual operators for approval.

On drive-away operators there is to be a sliding scale, starting with a 5c base and decreasing after certain set mileage limits. Similar provisions will apply to truck-away operators. Closed shop and seniority conditions will prevail. Substantial wage increases are secured. An important feature is the clause which states that no driver shall be held liable for any damages in excess of \$10.00 per car.

Great Advance!

Commenting on this agreement, Biggs said: "This contract marks a great advance for the labor relations of this type of operation. Now there are uniform wage rates, and there will be no room for chisellers. This should be a great aid to the operators. There will be a printed contract for all to consult whenever any question comes up. Difficulties can be ironed out by joint meetings of union and operators."

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Pay Hike for E. Chicago Service Station Men

East Chicago Local 520 has secured a \$20.00 per month increase for all its filling station attendants. Experienced men are to receive \$27.50 per week for 52 hours. This is a cut of two hours from the old scale. Vacations with pay are included in the new agreement.

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"We endeavor to prevent strikes, but there are some conditions far worse than strikes, and among them is a demoralized, degraded and debased manhood." — Samuel Gompers.

Food Prices Soar to New Highs; Up 12 Per Cent in One Year

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Retail food prices reached "the highest level in ten years" on August 12, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. It added that in the latter half of August "the rise has continued."

Prices of basic foods increased an average of 1.2 per cent from July 15 to August 12, the bureau said, and were 12 per cent higher than a year ago.

The bureau's report attributed the increases to "many factors" but said "chief among them are increased employment with consequent greater consumer demand, large government purchases and some speculative buying."

Prices of bread and milk—two of the most important foods—advanced "quite generally" during the mid-July to mid-August period, and "substantial increases" were reported for eggs, oranges, navy beans, sugar, cheese and evaporated milk. Butter prices declined, but were 25 per cent higher than a year ago.

Percentage changes for various foodstuffs were listed as follows: Cereals and bakery products, 2.9 increase; meats, 2.3 increase; dairy products, 2 increase; eggs, 5.2 increase; fruits and vegetables, 3.4 increase; beverages, 2.4 increase; fats and oils, 2.7 increase; sugar, 1.1 increase.

Teamster stands ready to uphold the position the Teamsters have taken in all matters.

In a period of rising prices, we will uphold your rights to increased wages. We believe that the best American is one who is well fed and well paid. We want to keep Democracy at home, while helping it to live abroad. Our policy shall ever be thus.

The fight for shorter hours and increased wages must never relax. Some measure of job security is necessary to keep the American way of life.

The Indiana Teamster is your servant. May it serve you well.

FACING THE FACTS

With PHILIP PEARL

People don't start thinking until they feel the pinch of suffering. They don't start yelling until they are hurt. In our opinion, the new tax bill now under consideration by Congress is bound to promote a little thinking and a lot of yelling, and it's about time.

As tax measures go in this world

of today, the one now being enacted here is extremely mild. In Great Britain, for instance, incomes in the higher brackets are being taxed to the extent of \$4.75 out of each \$5. Nothing nearly like that is contained in the revenue bill which Congress soon will adopt. Still it is much harsher in its treatment of the taxpaying public than ever before and millions of persons in the low-income group who were not heretofore taxed directly are going to have to kick in part of their pittance to the Government.

Again, we say, it's about time.

This may sound like heresy, but we think it is sound common sense. For too long America has followed painless methods of financing the greatest war in history. For too long we have been putting off the day of reckoning. For too long we have concentrated on keeping comfortable.

The only result has been that the people of our country are not excited about the crisis the nation is facing as they should be. The bills still have to be paid.

We Can Take It

Let's see if we can make our meaning a bit clearer. Some of President Roosevelt's friends are complaining that the people are asleep, that they have to be wakened up to the dangers confronting America, that they can no longer continue "business as usual," that the time for making real sacrifices is here.

We agree with them, except that we think the time for making these sacrifices has been too long delayed. We think that the American people would be more alert and more aroused today if a pay-as-you-go policy had been instituted from the beginning. We think the Government should have said to its citizens at the beginning: "This is going to hurt, but it's the only way we can be saved." We go back to our original text—people don't start thinking till they are hurt.

So, we personally are not going to yelp about the present tax bill; even though it's going to hurt us just as much as the next one—if not more. When we know we are going to suffer pain, when we are forewarned in advance and when we are convinced it is for our own good, we can take it.

In our opinion, the American people are going to take it and like it—at least a lot better than they are going to like the tax bills of the future. These are going to be much heavier than the present one—inevitably. We might just as well

New Furniture Agreement for East Chicago

Drivers Get \$40.00 Weekly

Local Union 520 of East Chicago has announced a new furniture drivers' and helpers' contract for its members in that division. The agreement was just recently cluded.

Under the new agreement are to receive \$40.00 per v 45 hours or less, a gain e per month.

Helpers are to receive \$ week for 45 hours or less. gain of \$40.00 per month.

Both drivers and helpers receive vacations with pay tract went into effect and will continue for o.

— AFL IS AMERICAN.

get used to taking punishment now.

Important Victories V

Everyone knows that in it's the common people who pay the taxes. Even if they taxed directly, the burden of taxes are passed on to the higher prices and rents. So the or six million persons who will p. income taxes for the first time next year because of lowered exemption should realize that they are not being victimized more than usually.

In several respects, the American Federation of Labor has important victories in the tax bill adopted by the Senate. All proposals for payroll taxes and sales taxes were defeated. These forms of taxation constitute the chief threat to workers.

It was only just and proper that heavier tax rates be imposed on the middle and high income brackets. The "war prosperity" that is temporarily in our midst might otherwise create "war millionaires." The American people wouldn't stand for that again. We had enough of conscienceless profiteering in the last war. In normal times expansion of industry naturally should bring expansion of profits. But when America faces a crisis, business dustry should be increased profits an with reasonable return.

In the same way, it is fatal for workers to want another "silk shirt" era. We know that wage increases already attained and now being sought perfectly justified by rising living costs. But we are against "boom wages in the defense program because they would only boomerang and hasten the destructive spiral of inflation.

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Large Oil Co. Signs with 135

Signing of an agreement with The National Refining Company was announced recently by Teamsters Local 135, Indianapolis. Wages and hours of drivers, warehousemen and maintenance men in the company's five bulk plants in this area are governed by this contract.

Substantial monthly wage increases of from 10 to 15 per cent were gained. Vacations with pay are to be granted, length of vacation depending on length of service with the company. Time and one-half for overtime was guaranteed.

The agreement covers this firm's operations in Indianapolis, Anderson, Knightstown, Franklin and Plainfield.

Business Representatives Robert McClain and Raymond Frie conducted the negotiations.

Morgan Packing Company Still Defiant!

Labor Board Decision Ignored by Morgan Co.; Strike On Two Years

Paint Trucks Many Colors to Confuse Union Officials All Over U. S. A.

"Truck drivers of the Morgan Packing Company of Austin, Indiana (packers of SCOTT COUNTY CANNED GOODS), who are members of Teamsters Local Union 694, were officially called out on strike on March 5, 1939, and they are still out," reports Elmer Briner, secretary-treasurer of Local Union 694, Crothersville, Indiana.

Defy NLRB Verdict

Despite the fact that the National Labor Relations Board handed down a decision granting Local 694 Certification of Bargaining Rights, this company has continued to buck Local 694. It has been attempting to place its men in trucks all over the country and is been getting by to a certain extent in some places. The drivers in they know nothing about the Morgan Packing Company, but are painting these trucks with the colors of Morgan's branch factories

Disguise Trucks

The calling of the strike had all its trucks painted with the lettering "Morgan Canned Foods" disconcertingly. Since that was disguised its trucks by them all the colors of the yellow, orange, blue, silver, chocolate, plain

the use of colors confusing union also the use of names on its company owns and operates in Scotts-

burg, Brownstown, Columbus, Edinburgh and Franklin, Indiana, and it uses the names of these factories on its trucks.

Drivers Poorly Paid

Obviously this company has gone to great lengths in its efforts to defeat union organization of the drivers. Morgan drivers are underpaid and work

hours under poor

conditions. They stand

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Charges Filed Against Large Grocery Firm

Driver Fired for Union Activities

INDIANAPOLIS — Charges against the Standard Grocery Company of Indianapolis were filed with the National Labor Relations Board on September 3 by Teamsters Local 135.

The charges read: "The Company, by its officers, agents, and employees, on or about August 30, 1941, terminated the employment of Harold Laxen, truck driver, and has since refused to reinstate said employee because of his membership in, and affiliation with, The International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers Local No. 135, affiliated with the A. F. of L., and because he engaged in concerted activities with other employees for the purpose of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection."

E. J. Williams, secretary-treasurer of Local 135, said that this was a case of out-and-out discrimination on the part of the Standard Grocery Company. The hearing should be held in the near future.

unfair to its drivers but also has a stranglehold on the small farmers in this area. They either accept the price offered by Morgan or let the produce rot in the wagons. Morgan is so big that practically everything is under his control here. However, we will continue the fight and eventually win out. We will secure decent American working conditions for these men."

GREEN PAYS TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—In his Labor Day address here, President William Green, of the American Federation of Labor, paid high tribute to President Roosevelt for his efforts in behalf of the workers. Mr. Green said:

"I would be remiss in my duty as president of the American Federation of Labor if I were to neglect to acknowledge the co-operation and help which the labor movement has received from our Government through President Roosevelt and his Administration. The President warned us at the inception of the defense program that sacrifices would have to be made by labor, along with capital and industry, but at the same time he promised that the economic, social and legislative gains made by organized labor and the democratic rights of the workers would not be scuttled in the process.

President Roosevelt has kept his word. The workers of America have kept their faith in him, and he has kept his pledge to them. There is no greater tribute I could pay him than to declare here and now that the millions of American workers gladly follow his leadership and have full confidence in his policies and his purposes."

Seattle Teamster Football Ticket Offer Blocked

No Free Football for Soldiers

Refusal of the University of Washington to sell the Seattle Joint Teamster Council 3,500 football tickets for each of their home games brought a blast of protest from President William Green of the American Federation of Labor. The tickets were to be given free to soldiers quartered in the Seattle area.

The War Department has been asked to investigate the university's action. President Green described the university's attitude as "incomprehensible unless it is based on anti-union prejudice."

"I don't see how the officials of this university can justify their refusal to permit Army draftees to attend these football games free of charge," Mr. Green said. "It would be a shame if the prejudices of a few reactionary professors would result in depriving the boys called to serve the nation of the chance of enjoying a football game."

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Mayflower Men Get Pay Hike

INDIANAPOLIS.—E. J. Williams, secretary-treasurer Local Union 135, has announced wage increases for the 270 men employed by the Aero Mayflower Transit Company, of Indianapolis.

The wage increase amounts to approximately \$3.50 on the week. This company was first organized by Local 135 and is completely unionized. The Mayflower Company is the largest long-distance furniture hauling outfit in the United States.

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D. of C. Milk Drivers Unionize All Companies

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Spokesmen for the Milk Drivers' and Dairy Employes Local No. 246 reported that the dairy industry here was completely unionized after a union contract was signed by the Highland Farms Dairy.

Lake County Teamsters Assure Success of AFL Labor Day Celebration

Thousands Attend Picnic and Parade; Teamsters' Float Brings Applause

Teamsters Joint Council No. 11 of Lake County played a major part in making the Labor Day celebration of the Lake County Central Labor Union a success. More than 50,000 people attended the annual picnic which was held at Lake County Fair Grounds in Crown Point.

Previous to the picnic a colorful parade, in which over 5,000 union craftsmen marched, was held in Hammond. The Joint Council float, "God Bless America," was applauded and cheered by the thousands of spectators who lined both sides of the three-mile parade route. Milk Wagon Drivers Local No. 835 also had a beautiful float in the

10% Wage Increase

Local 759, Kokomo, recently completed the successful negotiation of a closed shop contract with the Shell American Oil Company. The agreement has already been signed and put into effect.

This contract calls for a ten per cent increase in wages and a thirty per cent decrease in hours. Time and one-half is to be allowed for all over 40 hours worked. One week's vacation with pay is to be granted to each driver with one year's service with the company; two weeks vacation for those who have been with the company for over a year. All work done on holidays will be compensated for at 2½ times the regular rate.

Fifty employes will benefit by this agreement.

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Notes From Local 691

Wayne Stinson, secretary of Richmond Local 691, reports that he is at present negotiating new contracts with the Seagram and Old Quaker Distilleries at Lawrenceburg, Ind. The new agreements provide for substantial wage increases and improved working conditions.

Local 691 is also negotiating contracts for spotters and loaders of the Ziffri Truck Lines and Wilson Freight Forwarding Company at Lawrenceburg.

Regular meeting of Local 691 is held the second Sunday of each month at 9:30 a. m. in the Eagles' Annex, South 7th Street. All members are urged to attend.

PICNIC CASUALTY

Only casualty of the day at the Lake County Labor Day celebration occurred when a pop bottle burst in the hands of delicate 300-pound Teamster Steven Toth of Local 520.

Toth was rushed to the County jail to have his wounds dressed. He was released and will recover, according to the latest word.

Toth had charge of pop, ice cream, piano moving, and heavy lifting at the picnic.

"The Labor Day parade did just what we wanted it to do. It knocked the CIO back on its heels and off the high pedestal. It was better than they could have done and it portrayed the true patriotic America of the American Federation of Labor. It also had the proper effect on some of our politicians. We Teamsters and other A. F. of L. boys are going to find Lake County a lot easier to work in as a result of our showing," said Steven Toth, secretary-treasurer of East Chicago Local 520.

Bonnie Baker, Too!

Later in the day at the picnic Orrin Tucker and Bonnie Baker played to capacity crowds while at night Jimmy Joy and his band were featured. Michael Sawachka of Gary Local 142 also played to capacity crowds. Mike had charge of the beer!

The outstanding success of this celebration has been attributed to the fact that the Lake County Teamsters took such an active part in all arrangements. It takes the Teamsters to get things accomplished. Fred Schutz was chairman of the entertainment committee.

NEW PAVING CONTRACTS

Road improvement contracts awarded recently by the State Highway Commission are listed below. Interested Locals should take notice.

S. R. 46, East Main Street in Greensburg, Decatur County; 0.583 mile. Contractor: L. P. Cavett Co., Lockland, Ohio.

U. S. 31, from 1 to 3 miles southwest of Peru, Miami County; 1.918 miles. Contractor: Gast Construction Co., Warsaw, Ind.

S. R. 2, from 5½ to 10½ miles west of South Bend, St. Joseph County; 4.875 miles. Contractor: Bontrager Construction Co., Elkhart, Ind.

U. S. 41 and S. R. 57, from intersection north to 1 mile south of Gibson county line, Vanderburg County; 9.177 miles. Contractor: Feigel Construction Corp., Evansville, Ind.

S. R. 56 in Lawrenceburg and Greendale, Dearborn County; 1.328 miles. Contractor: Seavers and Karsteter, Lawrenceburg, Ind.

S. R. 64 in and west of English, Crawford County; 7.68 miles. Contractor: N. E. Daugherty Co., Bloomington, Ind.

S. R. 13, from four miles southeast of Syracuse to U. S. 6, Kosciusko and Elkhart Counties; 5.946 miles. Contractor: Gast Construction Co., Warsaw, Ind.

S. R. 58, at 2 and 3½ miles west of Elkhorn, Knox County; 1.160 miles. Contractor: Ralph A. Landrey Construction Co., Muncie, Ind.

TEAMSTERS, TAKE NOTICE!

Trucks plying the highways under the following names belong to the Morgan Packing Company and are carrying their wares:

Scottsburg Canning Company, Scottsburg, Indiana. Brownstown Canning Company, Brownstown, Indiana.

Columbus Canning Company, Columbus, Indiana.

Edinburg Canning Company, Edinburg, Indiana.

Franklin Food Products Company, Franklin, Indiana.

Star Canning Company, Austin, Indiana.

King Karlo Dog Food, Austin, Indiana.

Safety Is Free (map of Indiana on truck).

Scott County Canned Foods, Austin, Indiana.

Little York Canning Company, Little York, Indiana.

Leota Canning Company, Leota, Indiana.

Naomi Canning Company, Edinburg, Indiana.

Van Camp & Stratton Company, Indianapolis, Indiana (Morgan's brokers).

Van Camp & Stratton Company, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Rego Company, Rego, Indiana.

The South Boston Company.

The Marshfield Company, Marshfield, Indiana.

Ox Valley Company, Ox Valley, Indiana.

Chestnut Ridge Company, Galena, Indiana.

The Finley Company.

Oaklandon Packing Company.

Ganus Produce Company, Brownhill, Indiana.

AFL Victory Forecast in Minneapolis

Testimony Refutes CIO "Violence" Charges

MINNEAPOLIS—Several weeks ago subversive activity on the part of Miles, Grant and Vincent Dunne, former officials of Teamsters Local 544, Minneapolis, caused General President Tobin to remove them from office and appoint T. T. Neal, general organizer, as trustee. Subsequently the Dunnes tried to lead 544's membership to bolt to the CIO.

Few Bolted

However, very few Teamsters followed the communist-inspired Dunnes over to the CIO. As a matter of fact 544's membership has grown steadily since the attempted bolt. Both business and the other labor organizations of Minneapolis have come out in favor of 544-A.F. of L.

Case Before Minnesota Labor Board

In the past three weeks hearings have been going on before the Minnesota Labor Board where both the CIO and A. F. of L. Teamsters have petitioned for city-wide bargaining rights. Up to this point, the Trotskyites have been able to present little proof to support their contention that they should represent the truck drivers of Minneapolis. Instead they have resorted to name calling and accusations of violence on the part of Teamster representatives. Testimony has disproved the alleged violence.

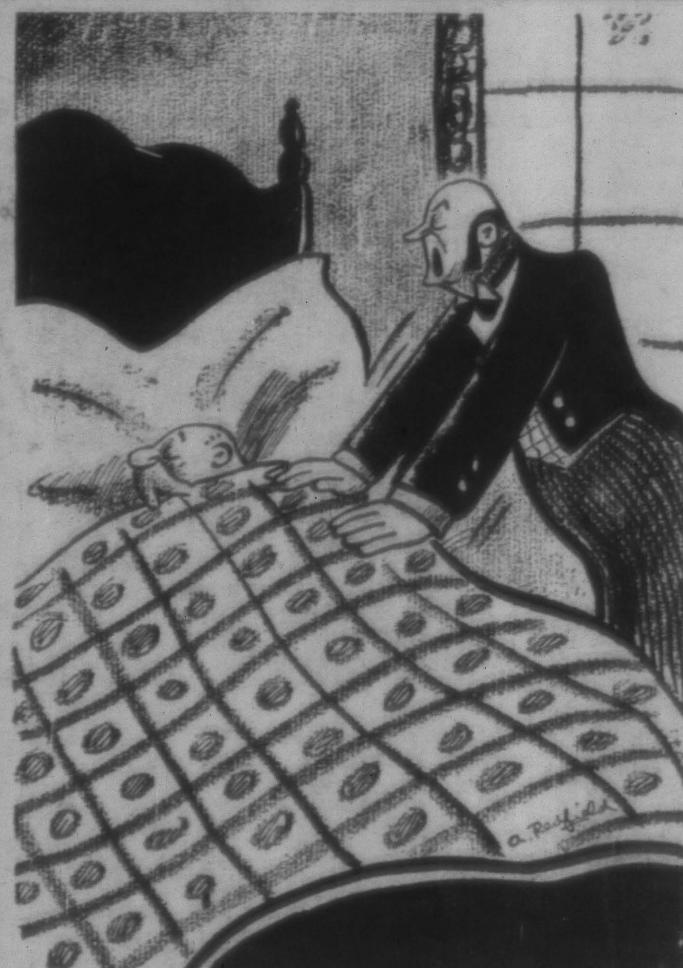
As the Indiana Teamster goes to press, the case rests before Labor Conciliator Blair. There is no reason to believe that the CIO will win.

L. E. Goldberg, attorney for the Teamsters, said that he could not see how the conciliator could do otherwise than rule in favor of the A. F. of L. Such ruling would be a blow to the hopes of CIO Trotskyites. An avalanche of evidence supported the A. F. of L.'s claim to the right to represent Minneapolis truck drivers and warehousemen.

Under Indictment

The Dunnes, along with other former 544 officials are under indictment by a U. S. grand jury for subversive activity.

THE UPPER CRUST



"C'mon, bum! Up!"

MUNCIE CITY DRIVERS GET 10c HOUR RAISE

After striking for two weeks, 42 Muncie trucking companies agreed to sign an agreement with Local 369 covering the wages, hours and working conditions for over 260 city delivery, pickup and dock men.

D. E. Mahoney, secretary-treasurer of Local 369, said that the men received an hourly raise of 10 cents. Time and one-half for overtime was guaranteed.

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Page Elected President of Local 233

INDIANAPOLIS—Paul J. Page was elected president of Commission Drivers Local 233, Indianapolis, at a recent meeting. Page succeeds O. B. Chambers, who has taken a position as Business Agent with Kokomo Local 759. Local 233 is planning to move its offices to 28 West North Street soon where it will be in the same building with Local 135.

"I will serve the membership to the best of my ability, and will at all times try to further its interests. There is a lot of work to be done, and we're not going to put it off," said Page upon assuming office.

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RAILWAY EXPRESS SIGNS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK—Teamster Locals 459 and 808, of New York City, are jubilant after having concluded an agreement with the Railway Express Agency, Inc., covering all their vehicle service employees in the New York-Metropolitan District. Signing of this contract is regarded a signal victory for the Teamsters.

Complete unionization of all drivers, helpers and garagemen was obtained. The following rates of pay were set: money deliverymen, \$48.49 per week; drivers, \$46.00; helpers, \$37.26; and \$37.99 for garagemen. Time and one-half for overtime and vacations with pay were included in the agreement. Seven hours and forty minutes constitute a day's work.

A complete copy of this contract may be obtained by addressing the Indiana State Drivers Conference, 28 West North Street, Indianapolis.

No Subversive Activity!

"There is one thing this subversive group cannot confuse in the nation's mind—the fact that the Teamsters' movement down through the years has always been a true patriotic, American labor activity. We have had many battles in our forty-one years of existence, but they have been clean fights. Our patriotism has never been challenged. We answered the nation's defense call in 1917 to a man, and today we are taking an even greater part in the defense effort due to the progress of motor transportation. We reiterate that there is no room in the Teamsters' movement for the subversive, communistic activity of the Dunnes of Minneapolis. We are 500,000 strong, virile Americans, trade unionists eager to do our part in distributing both food and steel throughout the nation."

THOMAS E. FLYNN

In Official Magazine, September.

Marion County Fights Teamsters

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Plead for "Understanding"

County Commissioners William A. Brown, William P. Ayers and Harry F. Hohlt, in a letter addressed to each of the strikers, pleaded with them to understand "our position as elected officials."

"Understand Too Well"

Replying to this, E. J. Williams said, "That's just the trouble, we understand your position as elected officials only too well. As 'elected officials' you are attempting to uphold and further a vicious spoils system whereby a man holds his job at the politicians' whims."

In the same letter the Commissioners ordered the workers to report for work the following day. This did not prove effective at all, for no one showed up at the yards except the Commissioners themselves and the police!

The county has resorted to coercion throughout the entire trouble. Ordinarily the men are paid for their work at the highway yards, but last week they had to go to the County Commissioners' offices to get their checks. Each had to go in separately, and before he could receive his check he had to state whether or not he had voted to strike! This is intimidation of the worst order. This poll was taken under strain and duress!

Hitler Tactics

"When Adolf Hitler calls an election you vote 'ja,' no matter how you really feel about the matter. This poll was just like a Hitler election. The fact that none of the strikers even tried to return to work when ordered by the Commissioners should show them how they stand on the strike question," said Williams.

The Commissioners have repeatedly held that they cannot legally sign an agreement with a labor union. We hold this stand to be false. The county signs contracts every day of the year with road builders and equipment and materials vendors. These contracts are legal and binding upon each succeeding elected body. There is no valid reason for the county's failure to sign this agreement. Muncie signed an agreement only last week. This is the same state, and the same laws prevail.

Marion county highway workers have always been underpaid. That is why in the past they have been so easy to push around; they need ed every little bit so badly.

Need of Security

"We are trying to give these men the security of the union that they lack under the spoils system. And we will help these men if we have to back the passage of the Merit System enabling act at the next legislature."

In order to further intimidate the workers, the Commissioners stated that the Department of Labor Conciliator in

President to Name Comm To Settle Rail Wage Disp.

Nation-Wide Strike Authorized by Railroad Workers When Mediation Fails

Teamsters Form State Body

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success. Indiana Teamsters should be progressive."

To Hire Organizer

It is expected that the Conference will hire a state organizer at its Evansville meeting. Those interested in this position should file their applications with the Conference's Indianapolis office now.

Delegates present at this Indianapolis meeting were: Alton P. Hess, Local 414, Fort Wayne; Steve Toth, Local 520, East Chicago; C. B. Birdsong, Local 215, Evansville; D. E. Mahoney, Local 369, Muncie; Henry Welling, Local 362, Hammond; John Harkness, Local 144, Terre Haute; George Skere, Local 298, Michigan City; O. B. Chambers, Local 759, Kokomo; Robert Summers, Local 298, Michigan City; Frank Yocom, Local 414, Vincent; Jack Reynolds, Local 144, Terre Haute; Wayne Stinson, Local 691, Richmond; E. J. Williams, Local 135, Indianapolis, and Russell Houze, Local 135, Indianapolis.

Local Unions not represented were: 856, Brazil; 147, Bloomington; 582, Evansville; 745, Frankfort; 716, Indianapolis; 644, Princeton; 73, Clinton; 694, Crothersville; 416, Greencastle, and 233, Indianapolis.

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Birdsong Signs Oil Haulers

EVANSVILLE—Signed contracts have been obtained by Local 215 for the gasoline haulers of The Farm Bureau and the Marion Trucking Company. The drivers are to receive \$45.00 per week based on 50 hours of work. Two weeks' vacation with pay per year are included. The agreement calls for complete unionization of all drivers.

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BEVERAGES SIGN WITH LOCAL 369

MUNCIE—Local 369, Muncie, recently concluded signed contracts with three beverage companies. The men will receive a pay raise of 10 cents per hour, time and one-half for overtime and vacations with pay. The signing companies are: Magic City Beverage, Walnut Beverage and Central Beverage, all of Muncie.

Indianapolis, Mr. Owen Summers, had handed down an opinion that the county could not bargain collectively with Local 135, as the law did not permit it. Mr. Summers was out of the city when this "opinion" appeared in the public prints. When he returned the next day, Summers flatly denied that he had said anything of the kind. As a matter of fact he called Williams on his own initiative as soon as he arrived back in the city.

Love Labor at Election Time!

The County Commissioners also said in their letter to the strikers that they "had no enmity towards organized labor." No, they have nothing against organized labor around election time. What orators and benefactors they are then! But after the election, when they are safely ensconced in office, just try and get by the office girl! In the last election both major political parties had a fair labor plank in their platforms.

E. J. Williams stated further:

"We will continue the battle until we win. The Commissioners have not shown good faith at any stage of our negotiations. Now we are wary of them. If they had just evidenced one iota of fairness, this strike could have been cleared up. But they are a mighty stubborn bunch."

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Roosevelt will intervene in the nation-wide railway workers dispute, under authority of the Railway Labor Act, to name an impartial commission to report findings of fact within thirty days.

This action will forestall a national railroad strike, crippled transportation, which was authorized by an overwhelming vote of 1,250,000 railroad workers.

George Harrison, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks at head of the Railway Labor Executives' Association, assured President Roosevelt at a White House conference that the workers will accept the findings of the special commission.

He told the President that while it was necessary to go through the formality of obtaining a strike vote, the railroad labor unions have no thought of tying up the national defense program or otherwise embarrassing the Government this critical time.

The strike vote was taken in the National Mediation failed in its efforts to wage dispute.

Railway management refused to meet the demands of 14 shopcraft unions, representing 900,000 employees, for hourly increases of 30 to 34 cents a week. Management also refused the thirty per cent wage asked by the operators.

Mr. Harrison said that the railroads' revenues are substantial and are in a position to meet the demands.

out that skilled mechanics employed by railroads are paid a much lower rates than they can command for similar work in other industries.

Under the Railway Labor Act, if mediation fails to settle a railway labor dispute, the President is empowered to declare an emergency and appoint a fact-finding commission to inquire and recommend for end.

In the finding such commission have been railway labor satisfied.

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Teamster Two E.

364 NEGOTIATES

Local Union 364, South Bend, is now in the process of negotiating new agreements for warehousemen. Proposed new rate is \$1.10 per hour. They have been receiving only 79 cents, according to Walter Biggs, president of the Local. New city pick-up and delivery contracts are also under consideration.

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MORE NEWS FROM MUNCIE

MUNCIE—D. E. Mahoney, secretary-treasurer of Muncie Local 369, has announced that an agreement was recently concluded which will bring an hourly raise of 10 cents to all men in his furniture division.

Vacations with pay and time and one-half for overtime were included in the contract. Drivers and helpers were raised from \$18.00 to \$24.00 per week.